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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/542,536	Applicant(s) HWANG ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 August 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10 and 13-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10, 13-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on August 12, 2008 has been entered.

The following new rejections have been made:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 10,13-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The term a cosmetically useful castor oil "derivative," is rendered indefinite. One of ordinary skill in the art could not ascertain and interpret the metes and bounds of the patent protection desired as claimed in this case, since one of ordinary skill in the art would clearly recognize that many various groups could possibly be substituted in each instance. As a result, any significant variation would be reasonably expected to alter the compound, e.g. physical, chemical, physiological effects and functions.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 10, 13-14, and 16, 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mackles (WO 86/05389 – IDS (previously presented)) view of Robinson (2003/0049212), Schreiber(4187287), and Mcosker et al. (2001/0003565).

Mackles teaches in Example 1 Valfor 950 (zeolite) in 35%, Cabosil M-5 (thickener) in 0.5%, decaglycerol tetraoleate (emollient) in 6%, polyethylene glycol 400 dioleate (nonionic surfactant) in 2%, and partially hydrogenated soybean oil (triglycerides) in 51.20% (p.13 lines 9-17) of a composition. The delivery system of Mackles provides a soft, silky, and cosmetically elegant feel to the skin (p.3 lines 5-9).

The exemplified composition does not contain the specific zeolite with a Si/Al ratio in the range of 2-5:1 and thickeners as recited in claim 1.

Robinson teaches topical composition comprising zeolites. The preferred zeolites are, i.e., sodium silicoaluminates available from UOP Molecular Sieves (see examples 16-18 MOLSIV adsorbent 3A) and Zeolex 23A (Valfor 950) (p.3 [0050] and p.28 [0345]). The MOLSIV adsorbent 3A compounds meet the limitation for "a zeolite with a Si/Al ratio in the range of 2-5:1.

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Schreiber is solely used to show that the type and amount of zeolite is the cause for variation in the rise of temperature in water. More specifically, the composition comprising zeolite 3a showed a change in temperature of 8C (col 11 and 12).

Mcosker et al. teaches suspending agents are inclusive of untreated fumed silica (Cabosil M-5) and castor oil derivatives.

It would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to substitute the Valfor 950 for MOLSIV adsorbent 3A and Cabosil M-5 for castor oil derivatives. The motivation to make such a substitution is because both zeolites and thickening agents are taught to be useful in topical compositions, furthermore, the zeolites provide heating properties and the thickeners provide various suspension properties. Therefore, a skilled artisan would have reasonable expectation of producing a stable topical composition with desired heating and suspension properties. Additionally, the determination of optimal or workable percentage of zeolites by routine experimentation is obvious. One having ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this to obtain the desired heating properties of the composition.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mackles (WO 86/05389 – IDS (previously presented)) in view of Robinson (2003/0049212), Schreiber(4187287), and Mcosker et al. (2001/0003565), as applied to claims 10, 13-14, and 16, 20 above, and further in view of Bergmann et al. (6,274,128 previously presented).

Mackles is as discussed above.

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Mackles fails to teach the specific dispersed oil caprylic/Capric triglyceride.

Bergmann et al. teaches a self-warming hair conditioning composition wherein conditioners of the composition are hydrocarbons inclusive of caprylic/Capric triglyceride and wax (col 4, lines 50-67 and col 5, lines 1-5).

It would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate caprylic/Capric triglyceride into a self-warming hair composition. The motivation to make such an incorporation is because the caprylic/Capric triglyceride and wax are conditioners. Hence, a skilled artisan would have reasonable expectations of successfully producing a self-warming hair conditioning composition with similar conditioning properties.

Claims 17, 18, and 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mackles (WO 86/05389 – IDS (previously presented)) in view of Robinson (2003/0049212), Schreiber(4187287), and Mcosker et al. (2001/0003565), as applied to claims 10, 13-14, and 16, 20 above, and further in view of Mackles et al. (US Pat. No. 5,322,683 (previously presented)).

Mackles is as discussed above.

Mackles fails to teach the method of cleansing as claimed.

Mackles ('683) teaches a self-heating foam composition comprising aluminosilicates useful as a hair conditioner and facial cleanser.

To a person with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made it would be obvious to modify the self-heating foam composition to provide a facial cleansing composition. The motivation to make such a modification is because (1) both

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have similar compositions with similar self-heating foam properties, and, therefore, the interchangeable use of either one will successfully yield similar results.

Response to Arguments

In response to Applicant's argument that a person of skill in the art would quickly understand which castor oil derivatives are cosmetically useful is not persuasive.

Examiner respectfully reiterates "the term a cosmetically useful castor oil "derivative," is rendered indefinite. One of ordinary skill in the art could not ascertain and interpret the metes and bounds of the patent protection desired as claimed in this case, since one of ordinary skill in the art would clearly recognize that many various groups could possibly be substituted in each instance. As a result, any significant variation would be reasonably expected to alter the compound, e.g. physical, chemical, physiological effects and functions."

Applicant main argument is that the use of the MOLSIV zeolites provide surprising advantages which could not have been predicted from the prior art. Applicant's 132 Declaration has been considered but is not persuasive. The Schreiber reference above is solely used to show that the type and amount of zeolite is the cause for variation in the rise of temperature in water. More specifically, the composition comprising zeolite 3a showed a change in temperature of 8C (col 11 and 12). Hence, Applicants argument that the MOLSIV adsorbent 3A shows higher rise in temperature as opposed to the Valfor 950 is not an unexpected property of the known compound. Additionally, because both the MOLSIV and Valfor 950 compounds are known to be

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useful in topical formulations it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to substitute the Valfor 950 for MOLSIV adsorbent 3A. The motivation to make such a substitution is because both zeolites provide heating properties. Therefore, a skilled artisan would have reasonable expectation of producing a stable topical composition with desired heating properties.

Conclusion

No claims allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Layla Soroush whose telephone number is (571)272-5008. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreenivasan Padmanabhan, can be reached on (571) 272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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